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Subject: CONEG appointed to Congressional Task Force; Transportation Emissions Focused Sessions; Northeast says Nope to DOE NOPR; Q&A with MassPort



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Hurricane Sandy's Legacy: Climate Resiliency Needed



It's been five years since Hurricane Sandy slammed the Northeast with unprecedented fury. I'm reminded especially of this as I was working in Brooklyn at the time for one of the local utility companies serving customers in New York City and Long Island. "Restore, reconnect, rebuild," was the mantra coined by a senior leader in the operations center in the immediate aftermath of Sandy. If I could go back in time, I would have added in a final line: "for the future."

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CONEG Appointed to Congressional Task Force on Intergovernmental Affairs

CONEG has been appointed to the Advisory Council of the U.S. House of Representatives Task Force on Intergovernmental Affairs, a bipartisan organization focused on balancing the interests of federal, state, local and tribal governments.

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Regional Recognition of Clean and Sustainable Transportation

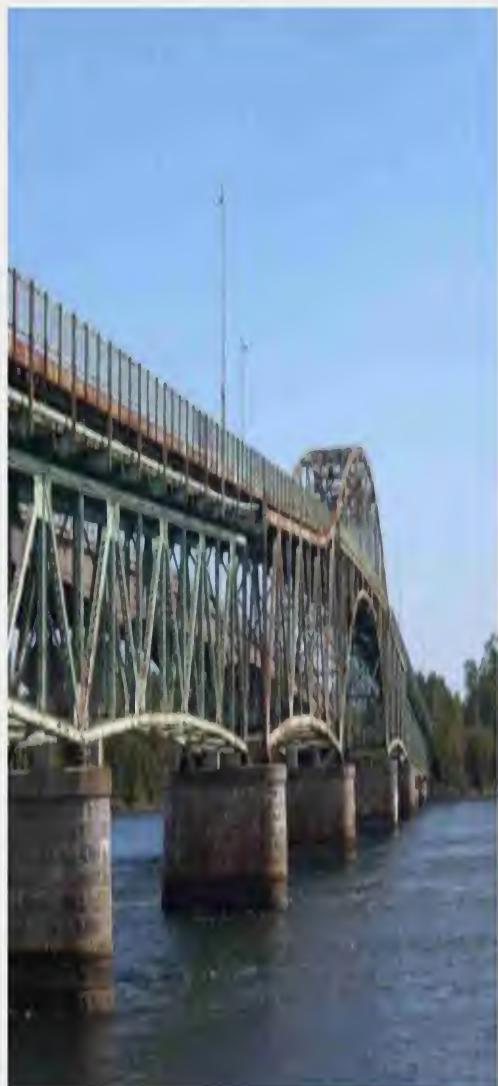
In September 2017, Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker announced a series of listening sessions to focus on the challenges and opportunities of reducing greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector. While those sessions begin on October 31, policy makers across the Northeast and Eastern Canada have been engaging, state-to-state, province-to-province, state-to-province, about the transportation sector's role in greenhouse gas emissions for a lot longer.

Most recently at the 41st Conference of New England Governors & Eastern Canadian Premiers (NEG/ECP) this past August, the NEG/ECP signed [Resolution 41-4, Concerning Transportation.](#)

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***'Czar of Infrastructure'
Embraces Role as Pillar for
Port Authority***



***New Hampshire DOT
reveals new transportation***

Governor Cuomo offers position of executive director of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey to Mr. Rick Cotton, whom he has called New York's "czar of infrastructure."

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plan, but red-list bridges remain problematic

NH Senate Bill 38 allows for funds from the state budget surplus to be used for local highway infrastructure projects including red-listed bridges. There are nearly 400 bridges in NH that fit the "poor" rating to qualify for use of these funds; however, adequate resources are limited.

[NH Ten-Year Plan is available here](#)

Northeast condemns Trump's decision repealing Clean Power Plan



Governors speak out against the Trump Administration's decision to repeal the Clean Power Plan. The Northeast states remain committed to expanding a cleaner, greener economy and promoting energy efficiency.

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Northeast Committee on the Environment

The Northeast Committee on the Environment (NECOE) is represented by the top environmental officers across seven states. NECOE meets quarterly and meetings are administered by the Coalition of Northeastern Governors staff. In addition to the states, regional organizations are invited to participate.

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NEG/ECP Ecological Connectivity Workgroup

The New England Governors/Eastern Canadian Premiers (NEG/ECP) Ecological Connectivity Working Group established in accordance with Resolution 40-3 on Ecological Connectivity, Adaptation to Climate Change, and Biodiversity Conservation had its first two-day face-to-face meeting in Montreal bringing together ecological and transportation experts from New England states and Eastern Canadian Provinces.

News from the States

Connecticut

CTDOT Releases Proposed Fares for CTrail Hartford Line Rail Service

Democrats, GOP Finally Compromise on Major Issues (*Hartford Courant*)

Connecticut Joins Multistate Lawsuit Defending Affordable Care Act

Massachusetts

Hundreds of new MBTA cars set to roll out of Springfield assembly plant

State Officials Announce Transportation Sector Emissions Listening Sessions

Baker-Polito Administration Awards \$8.5 Million in First Round of 2017 MassWorks Grants

New York

New York State Submits Offshore Areas for Potential Wind Development Off Atlantic Coast

Statement from Governor Andrew M. Cuomo on President Trump's Decision to End Health Care Cost-Sharing Subsidies

Vermont

Governor Phil Scott and Commerce Secretary Michael Schirling announce launch of new economic development and marketing initiative, "ThinkVermont"

Wheels for Warmth seeking used tire donations to help vulnerable Vermonters (*VTDigger*)

Maine

Gulf of Maine heating up faster than anywhere else on the planet (*New York Times*)

New Hampshire

State to Spend Millions on Drinking Water Projects (*NH Public Radio*)

Governor Sununu, Insurance Commissioner Sevigny Letter on CSRs, Support for Collins-Nelson Healthcare Bill

Rhode Island

Governor Raimondo Signs Executive Order Outlining Rhode Island's Action Plan to Stand Up to Climate Change

1,000 Days: Raimondo Expands Real Jobs Rhode Island Training Program, Celebrates Runway Extension at TF Green

[Read more state news here](#)

[Governors statements on Las Vegas](#)

[Northeast states continue relief efforts in hurricane damaged regions](#)

Governor Scott creates cybersecurity advisory team

Federal & Regional Updates

Northeast leads again in energy efficiency – see the latest ACEE Scorecard: MA #1 (Note: Massachusetts has been the number one state in energy efficiency for seven consecutive years); RI #3; VT #4; CT #6 & NY #7

Climate change impacts are costing the federal government lots of money according to a GAO report out today (U.S. GAO)

Amtrak “Ready to Build” Campaign Highlights Critical Need for Infrastructure Investment

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Northeast System Operators; Energy Generators; Distribution Companies Aligned in Opposition to Department of Energy NOPR on Grid Resiliency Pricing

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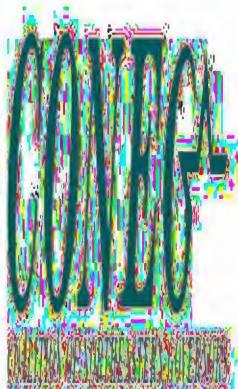
Q & A with Massachusetts Port Authority

In September, Governor Baker, federal and local officials, and Massport kicked-off a massive \$350 million Boston Harbor Dredging Project which supports Port of Boston's competitiveness in the global economy, including 7,000 jobs, 1,600 New England businesses and \$4.6 billion in economic activity. In the photo on the right, Governor Baker is viewing the maintenance of the dredging site.

Read the Q & A



Photo courtesy of Office of Governor Charlie Baker



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